

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1 and 14 are amended by way of this Amendment. All pending claims, as amended, are believed to be allowable over the references cited by the Examiner as discussed below. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for the present application is respectfully requested.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to by the Examiner with reference to claims 13 and 25. Claims 13 and 25 generally recite that the guides further include pivot support disposed at the rear guide end. However, as described in the specification in, for example, paragraph [0034], the pivot support (e.g., the pin support and stop 24) may be configured similarly as the pivot support at the front end of the guide. As **FIG. 6** generally illustrates the pin support and stop 24, the specification is amended at paragraph [0034] to clarify that the pin support and stop 24 at the rear end of the guide 20 is the same or similar to that shown in **FIG. 6**.

It is believed that the drawings illustrate every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-12 and 14-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Drake.

Independent claim 1, as amended generally recites a system having (1) a slidable shelf having a rear catch mechanism that includes a pivot and (2) a pair of guides having a pivot support configured to engage the pivot of the rear catch mechanism, whereupon the shelf is pivotable about the pivot, the pivot being supported by the pivot support of the guides such that the electronics module guides substantially support the slidable electronics module via the pivot.

Similarly, independent claims 14, as amended generally recites a shelf support system that includes (1) a slidable shelf having a rear catch mechanism that includes at least one pivot, (2) a pair of shelf tracks, and (3) a pivot support configured to engage the pivot of the rear catch mechanism, whereupon the pivot of the shelf is supported by the pivot support and the shelf is pivotable about the pivot such that the pivot support substantially support the slidable shelf via the pivot.

In contrast, Drake discloses a keyboard drawer that is slidably supported inside of a housing. Although Drake uses the term “pivotally” or “pivotal” in three instances¹, in each instance, the keyboard shelf is described as being pivotally or slidably mounted below a computer workstation or work surface, not both. Furthermore, the entirety of Drake’s description of the keyboard drawer is based on the keyboard drawer being slidably supported inside of the housing. Other than the mere mentioning of being pivotally mounted, nowhere does Drake describe a pivoting mechanism.

In particular, Drake’s keyboard drawer 30 moves on track assemblies 70, 80 by rollers 82 and unit track assemblies 84. The rollers 82 enter the housing track assembly 70 through a slot 76 provided in the track assembly 70. The unit rollers 82 slide along the housing track assembly 70. The round stop member 75 allows easy removal of the drawer unit 30 from the housing track assembly 70.

The Examiner contends that the unit rollers 82 read on the rear catch mechanism. However, the claims recite that the rear catch mechanism includes at least one pivot, which the unit rollers 82 do not include. The Examiner also contends that the track assembly 70 includes a pivot support configured to engage the pivot of the rear catch mechanism (citing FIG. 6, bottom wall of 72 underneath slot 76) whereupon the shelf is pivotable about the pivot. However, the bottom wall 72 is not a pivot support and Drake’s keyboard drawer is not pivotable at all. Rather, Drake’s roller 82 may be placed onto the track assembly 70 through the slot 76 (the path of the roller 82 is shown in dashed in FIG. 6). The round stop member 75 (see col. 5, lines 19-21) allows easy removal of the drawer unit from the housing track assembly 70.

Drake also does not provide that the pivot is supported by the pivot support of the guides, nor that the electronics module guides substantially support the slidable electronics module via the pivot, as generally recited in the claims. Instead, any pivoting of the drawer unit (e.g., in

¹ First instance: “The computer keyboard shelf unit ... can be pivotally or slidably mounted below a computer workstation.” (Drake at column 1, lines 13-16).

Second instance: “A shelf unit may be located below a computer workstation and be retractable through a sliding or pivotal motion.” (Drake at column 1, lines 36-38).

Third instance: “The keyboard drawer unit is movably positioned under the work surface, such as being slidably engaged therein or pivotally mounted with respect thereto.” (Drake at column 5, lines 64-66).

installing into or removing from the track assembly of the housing) must be substantially supported by the user.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 14 as well as claims 2-12 and 15-24 dependent various therefrom under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 13 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Drake.

However, dependent claims 13 and 25 are believed to be allowable at least because the independent claims 1 and 14 from which they depend, respectively, are allowable as discussed above.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 13 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter accompanying this document is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 and/or any other relief is required, Applicant hereby petitions for any required relief

including Extensions of Time and/or any other relief and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. **50-1217** (Order No. **GOOGP011**).

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